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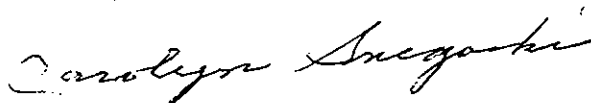
Dear Mr. Ferris:

Please support the Department of Energy's preferred alternative but with the amendments listed below.

- Designate all public lands on the Wahluke Slope, the Hanford Reach, its islands, the McGee Ranch and the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve as a National Wildlife Refuge (176,000) total acres.
- Oppose grazing on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation.
- Support restricting all mining operations to that essential to completing clean up and remediation on the Hanford Reservation.
- Issue a separate Record of Decision for all the areas mentioned above. These areas are a prime fish and wildlife habitat, uncontaminated by Hanford operations, and should not have to wait for protection until the complex decisions involving clean-up in the central Hanford area are made.

Thank you, for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



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